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Voters Send Parolee to School Board, Judge Sends Him to Prison

SACRAMENTO, CA – Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced that Randy Logan Hale of Homeland, California will spend five years in state prison for knowingly registering to vote as a parolee and subsequently running for a seat on the board of the Romoland School District. Hale perjured himself on the voter registration form when he certified that he was not on parole or in prison. In reality, Hale was on parole at the time and was back in prison by the time he won his school board seat.

Randy Hale later resigned his school board seat in January of this year and a special election was held in June to fill the vacancy.

“This latest conviction underscores my policy of zero tolerance for election fraud,” said Secretary of State Bruce McPherson. “The voter registration affidavit that citizens sign is a legal declaration that I and the district attorneys of California intend to continue to enforce, even with prison sentences.”

The Secretary of State’s Election Fraud Investigation Unit gathered evidence against Hale and referred the matter to the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office on April 12, 2006. Hale pled guilty to one count of perjury and was sentenced on August 1, 2006.

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